GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:171
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2005
MARITIME SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cleared any plan to strengthen maritime security by increasing patrolling and surveillance in the coastal belt;

(b) if so, the details of the other main plans the Government has considered for improving the national security belt;

(c) whether the scheme worked for over a period of five years;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the recurring expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the extent to which both Home Ministry and Defence Ministry are going to co-operate in implementing these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.171 FOR 15TH MARCH 2005 BY SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO, MP AND SHRI SUGRIB SINGH, MP REGARDING MARITIME SECURITY.

Government have approved the following schemes relating to coastal security:-

(i) A scheme to strengthen the infrastructure in the coastal States and UTs for patrolling and surveillance of the coastal areas to be implemented from the year 2005-06 over a period of 5 years. Under this scheme, assistance will be provided to the coastal States and UTs to set up police stations, check posts and out posts in the coastal areas. The Coastal police stations will be equipped with vehicles, vessels, equipment etc for mobility on coast and in waters close to the coast. The recurring expenditure on fuel, repairs and maintenance of the vessels during the 5 years is estimated at Rs. 151 crore. Total non-recurring expenditure is estimated at Rs.400 crore.

(ii) Another scheme for strengthening the joint coastal patrolling off the coasts of Gujarat and Maharashtra by creating additional infrastructure for Coast Guard, to be implemented from the year 2005-06 over a period of 6 years. Under this scheme, infrastructure will be created for additional Coast Guard stations and acquisition of Interceptor Boats. The recurring expenditure on completion of the scheme is estimated at Rs.25.95 crore per annum. The total non-recurring expenditure is estimated at Rs.342.56 crore.

Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defence will cooperate in implementing the coastal security scheme by maintaining close liaison between the coastal police stations and the Coast Guard Stations. For implementing the scheme for strengthening the joint coastal patrolling off Gujarat and Maharashtra coasts, Ministry of Home Affairs will meet the non-recurring expenditure and Ministry of Defence will meet the recurring expenditure.